WHEREAS, The United States Military Forces throughout their many years of existence have provided for the common defense of our Nation and our State, responding to the call to arms with distinction and honor; and,

WHEREAS, The State of South Dakota has given freely of her sons and daughters to the service of the United States Armed Services; and,

WHEREAS, The State of South Dakota is home for some of the United States finest military units; and,

WHEREAS, The citizens of the State of South Dakota, together with the men and women of the United States Armed Services live and work in close partnership based on interdependence and respect:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 20, 1978, as

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in South Dakota, and do urge all of our citizens to observe this day by addressing their attention to the past and present activities, accomplishments and contributions made by the Military Services.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Eight

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE